

AGENDA ITEM #7

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To: Delta Protection Commission

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Subject: Legislation Update
(For Commission Information Only)

The Legislature reconvened January 7, for the second year of the 2001/2002 Regular Session. With the exception of urgency measures, the last day to introduce new bills is February 23rd. Attached is a list and brief description of twenty-four bills the Commission has been following. Of these, nineteen are still in their house of origin and must be approved and passed out of their house by January 31, 2002 to remain active (*California Constitution, Article IV*).

There is one bond measure of interest to the Delta Protection Commission that will come before the electorate March 5, 2002: Proposition 40, *The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002*. The exert from the Secretary of State's pamphlet on Proposition 40 is enclosed, as well as the actual text. This Commission does not have a formal position on this measure.

In addition, there is an initiative in the process of qualification: *Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection. Bonds. Initiative Statute*. Summary Date: 12/26/01. Circulation Deadline: 05/28/02. Signatures Required: 419,260. Signatures must be complete and verified by June 27, 2002 in order to qualify for the November ballot. (Note: Proponents are allowed a maximum of 150 days to circulate petitions and collect signatures (§ 336). However, the initiative measure must qualify at least 131 days before the next statewide election at which it is to be submitted to the voters (§ 9013; Cal. Const., art. II, § 8(c)).

Furthermore, there are four similar bond measures pending before the Legislature that could also qualify for the November ballot: ACA 8, AB 52, SB 196, and SB 868. The information on these bills is included on the attached list.

At the Delta Protection Commission's March 28, 2002 meeting, a final list of legislative measures monitored by the Commission will be available. The DPC's Legislative Committee may submit recommendations prior to that meeting in the event that members want to take a position on those bills of potential interest to the Commission. Full text and committee analyses may be viewed at www.leginfo.ca.gov.